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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Rolando Barbucci)
SERIAL NO. : 09/830,761) Art Unit: 1623
FILING DATE : 06/18/01) Examiner: White
TITLE : Cross-linked Hyaluronic Acids and)
Medical uses thereof)

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action of 10/02/02, please amend
this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:Please add the following claim:

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A 17. (New) A cross-linked hyaluronic acid obtained by the reaction of the carboxylic acid groups of hyaluronic acid and a diamine of the formula R₁NH-A-NHR₂ wherein A is a linear C₂-C₆ alkylene chain optionally substituted by hydroxy, carboxy, halogen, alkoxy and amino groups; a polyoxalkylene chain [(CH₂)₂-O-CH₂)₂]_m wherein m is an integer from 2-10; 1,4 or 1,3 disubstituted benzene; and R₁ and R₂, which are the same or different, are hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl or benzene groups. A